

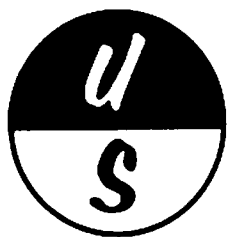
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## Schedule Announced For Masters

Quassapaug Y.C. and Snipe Fleet 231 invites all Snipe sailors over 40 to the 1984 U.S. Masters Championship September 27, 28, and 29 on beautiful Lake Quassapaug, CT. Terry Whittemore, past SCIRA Commodore, and one of the Quassapaug fleet founders, is serving as honorary chairman, and will host a festive gathering of Snipe stalwarts from the entire country.

Winds are generally 8-15 knots in September, and the shifts on the lake are guaranteed to challenge everyone.

Some housing will be available in fleet members' homes on a first-come basis, and camping is permitted on the club grounds.

September 27: Registration - 10:30 to 12 noon; Skippers' meeting - 12:30; Racing - 1st race 1:30 with 2nd race to follow; Cocktails - 5:00; Dinner on your own, but plan on heavy hors d'oeuvres.

September 28: Race 3 - 11:30 start; Lunch break - race 4 & 5 to follow; Cocktail party, cookout at Q.Y.C. - 6:00; Dancing - 8:00 until...

September 29: Race 6 & 7 - 11:00 start; Awards presentation to follow.

Low point scoring will be used, and one drop allowed if 6 or 7 races are completed. Awards to age groups, plus top 5 overall.

Some boats are available for loan (early contact necessary).

The entry fee will be \$40 per boat and will cover cocktail party and dinner for skipper and crew on Friday. Additional dinners for \$10 per person.

Contact: Ned Daly, Nichols Hill Rd., Washington, CT 06793, (203) 868-0478 (home), (203) 753-5131, office; or Dick May, 35 Woodfield Rd., Southington, CT 06489, (203) 628-0138 (home).

## San Francisco Bay Fleet 12 Plans Class Reunion

The history of Snipe Fleet 12 goes back to 1933, and many of the Bay's best sailors developed their present skills while at the helm of a Snipe. The fleet, which has experienced tremendous growth over the past four years, plans to celebrate its long history and current renaissance by gathering the Snipe family together for a day of camaraderie, reminiscing, sailing, eating, drinking, fat chewing, and just plain fun October 20th.

The fact sheet is as follows:

What: Snipe Class Reunion

When: October 20, 1984

Where: Richmond Yacht Club

Time: 1200 sailing, 1900 dinner

Cost: \$12 per person

Purpose: To celebrate over 50 years of SF Bay Snipe sailing

Hosts: SF Bay Fleet 12

Contact: Dick Loomis, 2429 Debbie Way, Calistoga, CA 94515, (707) 942-4006

Alan Clarke, 19 Azalea Dr., Mill Valley, CA 94941, (415) 388-9230  
SF Bay Snipe Fleet, PO Box 5827, SF, CA 94101.

Note: Fleet 12 needs addresses for any former Bay sailors who should be invited to attend the Class reunion. Send addresses to Ann Clarke, 19 Azalea Dr., Mill Valley, CA 94941.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mrs. Bill Crosby is still interested in the Class.

SCIRA

Executive Secretary

Dear Mr. Lamb,

Thank you so much for sending the 1984-1987 Rule Book. I also enjoy receiving the Snipe Bulletin

Yours sincerely,

Edna B. Crosby

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District II's annual meeting featured plans for funding their next U.S. Nationals.

Dear Buzz,

At the District II meeting June 23, 1984, our members voted a \$2.00 per boat annual District dues to help fund our nationals in 1987. The dues are payable each year starting with Snipes of record on July 1, 1984. Fleet Captains will collect the dues and forward them to the District Governor who is investing them in CDs to

## THE COVER

Ron Barber, Bill Buckles, and Dana Schnipper, overlapped in that order, clip along on a fast reach at Bermuda Race Week. Photo by Neville K. Trott, Bermuda News Bureau.

## THE SCORE

Eight numbers were issued during the month with four going to Portugal, three to U.S.A. and one to Uruguay. No new fleets were chartered.

Numbered SNIPES — 25982

Chartered Fleets — 794



gain extra funds. These dues are in addition to our existing \$1.00 per boat sanctioned regatta fee. The combined dues and regatta fees should raise \$500 to \$700 per year.

At the same district meeting Dave Irwin of the Harbor Lights Boat Club volunteered to secure \$3,000 in sponsorship for the 1987 Snipe Nationals regardless of the location selected. Harbor Lights would like to be considered as a potential location.

District Snipers also voted to accept the Lincoln, Nebraska fleet's offer to hold the 1985 District II Championship. The exact date will be determined later.

*Pete Fenner*  
Governor, District II

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We also received a thoughtful letter from Sue Mitchell who began her sailing career as a teen ager in the Clearwater, FL fleet, and came back to Snipe racing in Houston, TX after six years of being away from the sport. Her letter, too long to quote entirely, expressed her concern that to make her 12-year-old boat (bought new as state-of-the-art) current, with the latest rigging, would be too costly to be productive. She feels there is a threat to the family sailor who is priced out of the market by having to upgrade equipment constantly, and that the boat has been made into a racing machine to attract "name" sailors. Sue says:

"We need to stop now. Stop dead in our tracks. Stop changing design and rules and killing ourselves... We need to get the money out and people back in. Let boats retire due to old age — old, old age — not design failure... so enough of that. I had to say it. It's so sad to me. My youth was surrounded by good people in Snipes. I hate to see it change."

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We need to receive letters with all sorts of opinions on the Class. The Commodore has invited expressions of opinion, and had received very little feed-back. Your input on any questions which you have should be directed to the SCIRA office, the Commodore, the Rules Committee, or any member of the SCIRA Board of Governors. You are SCIRA.

## SCORE CARD FOR SCIRA POINT SCORE RESULTS

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For all scores over 1650: List races by finish on the back of this card.

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(Fleet Captain)

Return to SCIRA for all boats with 5 or more races only.

## Point Score Forms To Be Mailed

U.S. Fleet Captains will receive point score forms from the office sometime in September. All National Secretaries and fleet captains are urged to send their fleet results to the SCIRA office for the Reichner and Minneford Championships. Use blanks from the office, copy the form above, or use a 3x5 file card. We can't accept lists, but we do want to include all fleet scores.

Results will be printed in the April *Bulletin*, and must be received in the office by February 1, 1985.

## 1985 SCIRA Directory Changes Due

Changes for listings of officers, national secretaries, and U.S. fleet captains must be received in the office by December 31, 1984 to be included in the 1985 SCIRA Directory which will appear in the February issue of the *Snipe Bulletin*.



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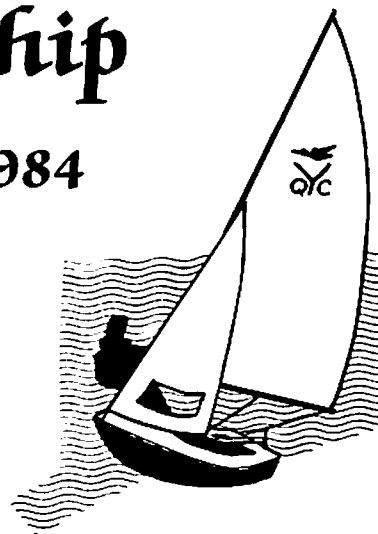
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# Clearance Clarified

*"A windward yacht shall keep clear of a leeward yacht" is amplified . . .*

Rule 37.1 is the Same Tack Basic Rule. It states very simply and eloquently that when on the same tack and overlapped "a windward yacht shall keep clear of a leeward yacht." There are many special situations which modify this basic rule. These are covered by Rules 38, 39 and 40. This episode of Submerged Rules will not consider all of these many variants. Rather it will ask the simple question: How clear is clear?

"What do you mean?" you might well ask. "Surely you jest?" "Keeping clear means not allowing contact; nothing more, nothing less."

But does it? What about Rule 35 — Limitations on Altering Course. This rule states: "When one yacht is required to keep clear of another, the right-of-way yacht shall not so alter course as to prevent the other yacht from keeping clear; or so as to obstruct her while she is keep-

ing clear, except: (a) to the extent permitted by Rule 38.1 (Same Tack, Luffing and Sailing above a Proper Course after Star-



Gary Boswell  
Dallas Fleet 1

ting), and (b) when assuming a proper course: either (i) to start, unless . . . or (ii) when rounding a mark.

Now let us assume that two yachts are reaching on port tack. W overtakes L to windward and L luffs suddenly, head to wind. Then L terminates the luff by suddenly bearing away. In doing so the corner of her transom strikes L. Who is at fault? L for violating Rule 35 or W for violating Rule 38.1?

Some could and would argue the pros and cons of this particular situation for hours. But that is not necessary. Once again the Appeals book comes to the rescue. Appeal #20 discusses this very situation. The ruling of the Committee is that Rule 35, Limitation on Altering Course, cannot properly be applied in this situation since L's right to maneuver under Rule 38.1 is an exception to the limitations of Rule 35.

Thus this month's Submerged Rule is "a windward yacht must stand clear of a leeward yacht to the extent that the leeward yacht has room to bear away both suddenly and rapidly." So then that is the answer to the original question of "How clear is clear?"

## Halloween in Atlanta October 27-28, 1984

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## Bob Hodges Takes Southern

Bob Hodges and Weatherly of the New Orleans fleet topped the 66-boat Southern Snipe Championship fleet in a close race with Steve and Connie Suddath of the Lake Lanier, GA contingent. Bob had finishes of three and one in the shortened series, against Steve's one-five finishes. Craig Leweck of Columbus, OH was third.

Twice unlucky, Steve, who was second in a tie breaker in 1983, was leading the second race after having won the first, only to have a huge lift from the left side of the course threaten to take three quarters of the fleet over him to the finish. He salvaged fifth, while Matt Gregory, in second place at the time of the shift, finished in thirty-second. Hodges won the race and the regatta.

The Southern, sailed at Privateer Yacht Club on Lake Chickamauga on the traditional Mother's Day weekend, was threatened by record flood waters which were still receding during the races. The 2½-knot flood current led to several general recalls in the first race start, and added to a stiff southerly breeze made interesting wave conditions on all the beats.

The second race was started in diminishing winds, and was shortened to a triangle, windward, leeward race, as the winds slowly died and shifted to the west.

The scheduled third race on Sunday morning was first postponed, and later cancelled as the wind failed to appear.

Andy Pontious of the Atlanta YC fleet won the "B" fleet series. Shawn Burke of Lake Lanier was first in the Junior race. Tarasa Davis, Atlanta YC, 8th in the "A" fleet, won the junior trophy.

Marge Lamb  
Privateer Fleet 142

## Wheatons Win Close Competition in District VII Championships

The 1984 version of Snipe District VII Championships at (not so) Clearlake turned out to be the closest in years as 22 skippers showed up to vie for the title. The two days preceding the competition had ideal winds in the 8-14-knot range. By the time for the first race on Saturday, however, the wind had changed to light and shifty and the hot sun appeared to be twice its normal size. For the most part, traditional Clearlake tactics paid off as those boats that broke off on port tack and sailed up the shore tended to be first to the weather mark. The exception to this rule came in the second beat of the second race when a few boats went out into the middle of the lake and gained hundreds of yards on the boats in shore. It was light most of the day which left the crews the unenviable task of finding a comfortable place to crouch to leeward. It was not a day to be overweight! After the two races, Jim Warfield and John Kelly were leading (1-2) with Jim and Lynne Grubbs (2-3) and Warren and M.L. Wheaton (3-1) close behind.

Everyone gathered at Jules resort Saturday night for a potluck dinner built around Tony and Connie Picciano's gigantic pot of spaghetti . . . molto graci.

Sunday weather started out to be a repeat. The Grubbs won in light breezes followed by Wheaton and Warfield. *The scene was set!* A flat-footed, three-way tie for first with one more race to be sailed

. . . no throw outs . . . win the race, win the Districts. To make matters more dramatic, there was an hour and a half wait between races. During that time, the winds finally filled in to give the crews their first chance to do some solid hiking. Warfield broke for the beach after the start, but the Wheatons broke from tradition and went to the left. The wind veered continually, causing the left to pay off. The Wheatons were first to the weather mark followed by Dan and Suzanne Blodgett who had also gone left. Jim Grubbs came back to get a second, but Jim Warfield was never able to recover, settling for fifth in the race and third overall. The Blodgetts were fourth for the regatta followed by Packy Davis/Loretta DeIntinnis and Dave and Lois Vickland.

It is hoped that a good time was had by all. It has been noted that a post-regatta meeting to announce the results and present trophies was sadly missing. That short-coming will be corrected next year.

Spencer Allen  
San Francisco Fleet 12

### DISTRICT VII 1984 SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Skipper/Crew	Results	Pts.
W. Wheaton/M.L. Wheaton	3-1-2-1	6½
J. Grubbs/L. Grubbs	2-3-1-2	7¼
J. Warfield/J. Kelly	1-2-3-5	10¼
D. Blodgett/S. Blodgett	9-4-5-4	22
P. Davis/L. DeIntinnis	5-6-6-6	23
D. Vickland/L. Vickland	8-9-7-3	27
P. Truman/K. Bennis	7-7-11-7	32
B. Folkman/T. Folkman	4-5-4-DNS	36
B. Leffler/P. Leffler	10-14-9-11	44
J. Cook/J. Watt	12-13-8-12	45
C. Boome/S. Boome	16-11-18-8	53
C. Fowler/L. Angel	6-8-16-DNS	53

## Suddaths Take District IV Championship

The Fort Walton Yacht Club was host to the District IV Championships on lovely Choctawhatchee Bay during the weekend of June 23 and 24.

On Saturday, Connie and Steve Suddath were first across the finish line in the 6 to 10-knot breezes of the first race. As soon as the race was finished, an imposing-looking squall sent the fleet racing for the dock, and ended the first day's competition.

The FWYC was host for a steak cook-out on Saturday night, and a good time was had by all.

On Sunday, steadily freshening breezes proved to be the right conditions for the Suddaths to close out the abbreviated series with another "bullet," followed by a third, for first place overall. Second overall went to the "Old Man" — Gonzalo Diaz of Miami, FL. Where *did* he go on that last beat, anyway?

Our thanks are extended to Race Committee Chairman Mike Johnson and his assistants at FWYC for a first class job of race management, and to Regatta Chairman Bob Hodges for his hard work.

Jim Robinson  
New Orleans Fleet 116

### DISTRICT IV 1984 SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIPS

No.	Name	Results	Points
24807	Steve Suddath	1-1-3	4.50
23713	Gonzalo Diaz Sr.	6-3-1	9.75
25840	Brent McKenzie	4-6-7	17
25911	Marc Eagan	3-7-14	24
25429	Bob Hodges	14-2-10	26
25045	Buzzy Heausler	5-9-16	30
24686	Marc Duvoisin	19-8-4	31
25233	Gonzo Diaz	10-4-19	33
26026	Matt Gregory	13-11-11	35
25428	Don Brennan	2-21-13	36
25071	Guy Brierre	8-10-21	39
25377	Scott Myers	18-15-8	41
19091	Peter Duvoisin	21-14-6	41
24264	Means Davis	17-27-2	46
24633	John McIntosh	19-20-9	48
25062	Hoagie Herman	9-29-12	50
25067	Jim Robinson	12-19-20	51
25048	Joe Blouin	24-13-15	52
25047	Brodie Cobb	44-5-5	54



# hampionships

## Scott Young Beats The Heat in District II

Thirty-six Snipers from Lincoln, Nebraska to San Antonio, Texas gathered on Lake Ray Hubbard, outside Dallas, to determine the 1984 District II Champion. Scott Young took the weekend off from his Olympic training for some "fun" sailing in the Snipe he co-owns with Nickie Adamson. Scott demonstrated his skill and training by scoring a second, and three firsts to capture the Championship.

Harbor Lights Boat Club hosted the scheduled five-race event, held on June 23 and 24. Three races were scheduled for Saturday, after boats were weighed Friday night. The first race started in a 12-mph southerly wind, and Bill Jackson with crew, young daughter Paije, were first to the weather mark, closely followed by Scott Young, Ed Olson and Mark Salih. By the end of the second reach, Pete Fenner had moved up to the leaders and passed both Jackson and Young at the leeward mark. Scott passed Bill Jackson on the second weather leg, and Greg Gust moved up to third. Fenner held the lead to finish first, followed by Scott Young and Greg Gust.

As the Texas heat pushed over 100, the southerly breeze lightened for the second race. Scott Young lead at the first mark, followed by Mark Salih, Greg Gust and Martin VanWolfswinkle. As the wind lightened and became more spotty, Scott Young held the lead, but the other positions changed often. Keith Zars and son Brian footed off on port tack during the last two weather legs, moving from tenth up to second at the finish, followed by Greg Gust, Mark Salih and Doug Day.

After a late lunch, Race Committee Chairman Mike Keggler ordered everyone back on the water, in hopes of finding a late afternoon breeze. Starting in a very light southerly, which shifted west and started fading, the third race was cancelled shortly after the leaders rounded the first weather mark. All-you-could-eat Tex-Mex buffet dinners and liquid refreshment topped off the Saturday Racing Schedule.

A cool front arrived overnight, bringing clouds, cooler temperatures and a 12-15-mph northerly breeze for the 8:30 Sunday morning start. Steve Sherman lead at the first mark of the early race, followed by Pete Fenner and Mark Salih. Sherman and Fenner held their positions with Scott Young moving up from eighth to third at the second weather mark. Fenner passed Sherman on the run with Young passing them both to take the lead at the leeward mark. Each held his position on the last leg.

The clouds and northerly breeze held for the fourth and final race. Scott Young was in the lead by the second weather mark, and went on to win the race, and the regatta. Bill Jackson and Paije got back into the battle and finished second, followed by Martin Bebb, Steve Sherman and Pete Fenner.

Our thanks to the super job done by Greg Gust, Mike Keggler and all the hard-working folks of the Harbor Lights Boat Club, for running an excellent Championship. This new club, and its active and competitive Snipe fleet are already making significant contributions to Snipe sailing in District II.

*Pete Fenner  
Governor, District II*

### DISTRICT II 1984 SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Pts.	Pos.
25517	Scott Young/Dianne Wilson	3	1
25515	Pete Fenner/Fried Elliot	26	2
25514	Steve Sherman/Chari Clark	31.1	3
24679	Greg Gust/Shawn Burke	43.7	4
25488	Mark Salih/Delores Patti	44.4	5
25950	Doug Day/Olone Day	63	6
23277	Bill Jackson/Paije Jackson	63	7
23662	Jim Bookout/Beth Poort	63	8
25550	Martin VanWolfswinkle/A. Marie	64	9
20013	Martin Bebb/Katherine Parish	66.7	10
25487	Dave Irwin/Anne Fritts	69	11
25376	Ed Olson/Pat Melly	74.7	12
25378	Robert Cummings/M. Boswell	76	13
24092	Jim Slomski/Cindy Lee	79	14
25533	Keith Zars/Brian Zars	84	15
25659	Ray Schmit/Teresa Alexander	86	16
24094	Chris Brandon/Tina Brandon	89	17
24111	Louis Joline/Sonya Joline	95	18
25089	Roy Whitehead/R. Whitehead	97	19
25375	Bill Felder/Paul Sherman	97	20

## Raab Wins District VI Championships (Again)

Fleet 2 and King Harbor Yacht Club in Redondo Beach, Ca. arranged for another perfect day in southern California to greet 22 crews for a five-race series to determine the champion of District VI.

The temperatures were in the seventies, the wind was 10 to 15 knots, with only small shifts. The seas were a little choppy with about a three-foot swell which made the reaches a lot of fun.

Chris Raab was really tough on all points of sail ending up with hard-to-beat placings of 1,1,2,1,2. The battle for second was a little closer with Robin Gales beating out Mark Folkman by one point.

Saturday night's festivities saw an ample supply of beer and spaghetti to satisfy most appetites.

The next major SCIRA event in this area will be the North American Championships at Alamitos Bay YC, and by all reports will have a big turnout. This will be a totally radical happening, so come on down.

*Chuck Fowler  
Fleet 2*

### DISTRICT VI 1984 SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boat	Skipper	Places	Pos.
23752	Chris Raab	1-1-2-1-2	1
24060	Robin Gales	2-6-1-3-6	2
23965	Mark Folkman	7-5-4-2-1	3
24025	Keith Dodson	3-10-5-4-3	4
20369	Jerry Thompson	8-3-7-7-4	5
20560	Jeff Lenhart	12-2-3-9-5	6
25800	Dick Schmidt	5-12-10-11-7	7
25732	Sean Biehl	10-8-13-8-11	8
20580	Wade Blongren	15-9-9-10-8	9
21606	Brian Folkman	6-14-6-15-13	10
18321	Doug De Souza	11-7-12-5-DNF	11
23820	Andy Barnes	4-13-11-18-10	12

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The purpose of the Commodore George Becker Memorial Regatta has been to make sure that a member of the local fleet won so that his name would appear in the Snipe Bulletin. We have been successful every year with this plan. Last year the regatta was won by a new fleet member, Jim Freebody, who was new to Snipe racing. In fact, a first year Sniper.

Unfortunately this year was different. We made one vital mistake: we listed the regatta in the Snipe Bulletin through our hard-working District Governor Ron Barber. As fleet captain my name was listed, and believe it or not, I started getting some phone calls from other Snipe sailors about two weeks before the regatta date, June 30-July 2.

I told most people that called that it was a mistake and there would be very little effort put into these informal races, but if they wanted to come they would be welcome to join the locals.

First of all, to plan a no-effort regatta, certain very important decisions have to be made and carried out: you must be sure that there are *no meetings, no regatta chairman, no publicity, no phone numbers, no entry fee, no trophies, no race circular, no housing arrangements, no dinner, no free beer, no Race Committee, no coordinating phone calls to members, no flyers announcing the event, no set time for races to begin or end, no scoring system till the races are completed.* Making sure that no one feels any responsibility, and everybody knows that the George Becker Regatta is going to happen assures that no one gets tense or over-anxious.

The day of the regatta it was fortunately raining cats and dogs; in fact two days of bad weather were predicted. Only Jim Freebody was in the water by race time, ready to defend his championship effort of the year before. Surprisingly, three out-of-town boats showed up: Bruce Patterson

from West Hartford, Harry Levinson from Boston, and John Kelly from College Park, searching for a pick-up crew.

Kelly talked John Sheehan, a local 110-lb junior sailor, into crewing, and the first race began with three boats on the starting line: Jim Freebody, John Kelly, and me. John Kelly won easily, while such greats as Wefer, Shepstone, Burtis, Levinson, Patterson, and Daugherty decided to sit out the race, as the rain came down in sheets.

The next morning the wind was blowing about 10-12 and rain continued to fall, as eight Snipes searched for the Race Committee. Fortunately we had the services of Don Wefer and Pat Dillor to run five very fine races. We did have a little trouble with the crash boat operator; he fell on the dock and had to be taken to the emergency room. A few stitches later he was pronounced O.K., but could not continue his duties. Fortunately we were able to press one of the junior sailing instructors into service and, despite motor problems, we were finally able to set the marks.

In the first race Sunday Doug Wefer with Kris Meyer as crew edged out John Kelly, with Bruce Patterson taking third. In the second race Brian Dougherty and crew Ellen Wefer worked through the fleet and almost caught Steve and Melissa Shepstone who were first. Patterson placed second. As the wind increased Kelly punched out two firsts, and won the regatta when it was decided that because we had six races we would allow a throw-out.

At the impromptu awards ceremony the three top finishers each received a bottle of champagne and had their bar bill paid by Snipe Fleet #4. Harry Levinson, who drove all the way from Boston didn't get to race because he forgot his boom and goose neck, which are one-of-a-kind.

So ended our first no-effort regatta. Everyone agreed that next year the event could use a little more planning. The coveted Becker Memorial Trophy, which was lost in the fire, will have John Kelly's name on it for 1984 because he persisted in coming ... a lesson for all Snipe sailors.

Jack Williams  
Sea Cliff Fleet #4

### June 30-July 2 Sea Cliff Fleet-4

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Pos.
25170	John Kelley/John Sheehan	College Park	1-2-4-1-1-4	36	1
25737	Doug Wefer/Kris Meyer	Sea Cliff	DNS-1-5-3-3-1	32	2
24997	Bruce Paterson/Kathy Wright	Sampford	DNS-3-2-2-2-5	31	3
20996	Steve Shepstone/Melissa Shepstone	SCYC	DNS-4-1-5-4-2	29	4
23584	Brian Dougherty/Ellen Wefer	SCYC	DNS-6-3-4-5-3	24	5
24972	Jack Williams/Neil Hickey	SCYC	2-5-7-7-6-DNS	18	6
22174	Jim Freebody/Terry Benedetti	SCYC	3-8-6-6-8-6	16	7
23620	Ben Howe/Daren Schnipper	SCYC	DNS-7-8-DNS-7-DNS	5	8



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### RESULTS FOR THE 1984 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP URUGUAY (Top 10)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Places	Position
23412	Alberto Viera/Christopher Schave	1-7-1-2-1-2-8	1
22706	Carlos Murguia/Jose Torre	6-1-3-1-3-1-6	2
22703	Horacio Garcia Terra/Guill Guimaraes	4-8-2-DNF-2-3-3	3
22201	Pedro Garra/Ricardo Mignone	7-2-6-3-9-8-1	4
22701	Horacio Carabelli/Jochin Pacheco	2-5-10-4-5-4-5	5
22709	Aldo Centararo/Guillermo Morla	3-4-7-6-4-5-7	6
24303	Ricardo Fabim/Christiano Rippe	5-6-4-8-7-9-2	7
19779	A. Garcia Terra/Felix Leborne	DNS-3-8-7-11-7-4	8
24591	Eduardo Thode/Harry Giuria	8-DNF-5-5-6-6-9	9
20335	Orosman Pingaro/Jaracio Trujillo	9-11-DNF-10-10-10-10	10

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# Griff Hall Wins for the Grey

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the win. Lee and Karla Griffith were second with Dave Rogers and Laurie Ruest third.

After a home-cooked feast with keg at the Pine Beach clubhouse, the party moved to the Boardwalk at Seaside Park. The bumper cars were a stand-off with everyone getting in a few good licks. The go-cart races were a different story, however, as Fred Thurston displayed razor-sharp reflexes and experienced recklessness in

polis got the best of it this year. The next Blue-Gray battle will be held in June 1985, and everyone north or south of the Mason-Dixon Line is encouraged to come enjoy some of the best sailing waters on the east coast.

Lee Griffith  
Pine Beach Fleet 256

## BLUE-GRAY REGATTA June 16-17

Boat	Skipper	Club	Places	Pts.	Pos.
23749	Griff Hall/Margaret Richardson	SSA	1-2-6-4-1	22.7	1
25764	Susan Dierdorff/Scott Taylor	SSA	4-5-1-2-3	26.7	2
25460	Fred Abels/Todd St. John	Sea Cliff	3-3-4-1-7	32.4	3
25810	Rob Gorman/Lisa Gorman	Island Pond	2-1-7-5-4	34.0	4
23622	Carl Cheney/Linda Doll	SSA	5-6-8-3-2	44.4	5
26004	Lee Griffith/Karla Griffith	PBYC	8-8-2-7-6	55.7	6
25777	Fred Thurston/Marshall Brown	SSA	6-4-11-6-8	62.4	7
21630	Dave Rogers/Laurie Ruest	QYC	11-7-3-13-5	64.7	8

The first race foreshadowed the final regatta results as the top four finishers remained in close contention throughout the five olympic-course races held. The eventual winners, Griff Hall and Margaret Richardson, took the gun with Rob and Lisa Gorman second, Fred Abels and Todd St. John third, and Susan Dierdorff and Scott Taylor in fourth. The second race saw the top three exchange positions slightly. The Gormans held on for the ace with Griff second and Fred Abels taking another third. In the final race of the day, Susan Dierdorff began her drive for the overall runner-up spot by leading all the way for

taking the checkered flag consistently.

Sunday's wind was lighter and shiftier with the threat of rain that never arrived. Fred Abels took the first race to move temporarily into first place. Susan Dierdorff and Carl Cheney were close behind in second and third. Entering the final race, only 3.3 points separated the top three boats. Griff took the ace to clinch the regatta, Susan took the overall second spot and Fred Abels held on for third despite a seventh in the last race.

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